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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 15, 2003

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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| JAPAN | 2002-205303 | July 15, 2002 |
| JAPAN | 2002-227378 | August 5, 2002 |
| JAPAN | 2002-227381 | August 5, 2002 |
| JAPAN | 2003-141252 | May 20, 2003 |

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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